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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Martin Kurth et al.  
Serial No. : 10/554,079  
Filing Date : October 21, 2005  
For : DEVICE FOR FASTENING AT  
LEAST ONE ELONGATE OBJECT  
TO A BASE  
Group Art Unit : 3679  
Examiner : Victor L. MacArthur  
Attorney Docket No. : 16-885P/US-5201  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application and in response to the  
Office Action dated March 24, 2008, please amend the above-identified application  
as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 4 of this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 7 of this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 10 of this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 11 of this paper and include a sheet having a new drawing.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this Amendment.